(NOTE: Sugar is Agro based Industry and sugar production depends on various factors including weather conditions etc. It is, therefore, not possible to estimate the sugar production for the next crushing season i.e. 1990-91 at this stage).

Import of Dal (Pulses), Edible Oils and Sugar

1881. SHRI S S AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided to import Dal, Edible Oil and Sugar to meet the short-falls in its production;

(b) the quantities of the respective items likely to be imported during the financial year 1990-91 and how much of it would reach our shore prior to 31-3-1990; and

(c) if so, whether any private agencies would also be involved in these imports, if so, to what extent ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL) : (a) and (c) The quantities of edible oil and sugar to be imported, if any, are decided from time to time keeping in view the various factors such as local production, total availability, prices of these items in the indigenous and in the international market and consumption requirements demand from the States/UTs etc. Sugar and edible oils imports are canalised through public agencies like STC and through the Government itself. The import of pulses is allowed on OGL. The indigenous production and availability of pulses is in short supply as compared to demand.

(b) No proposal for import of sugar is at present under consideration of the Government. STC has concluded contracts for import of 1·08 lakh tonnes of Palmolein from 1-4-1990 to 22-5-1990. This quantity is expected to arrive by mid-August, 1990. Data on actual OGL imports of pulses during the 1990-91 so far, are not available.

Deployment of Fire Fighting personnel in various sensitive Buildings

1882. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the fire fighting personnel deployed by CPWD, fire unit in Parliament House, Parliament House Annexe, North and South Block and P.M.'s House as on 1st January 1990. separately ;

(b) the strength of fire personnel and jeep drivers recommended by the Fire Experts for each building; and

(c) the steps being taken to recruit drivers and fire personnel in order to avoid fire hazards in such prime buildings ?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The number of fire fighting personnel deployed is as under :—

Parliament House .	11
Parliament House Annexe	12
North & South Blocks	42
P.M.'s House	5

(b) The Deputy Fire Adviser, Ministry of Home Affairs, gave recommendation for Parliament